the enactment of a Broadcasting Act. The Boradcasting Bill considered earlier by the Parliament had a provision for mandatory uplinking for all channels.

(c) Uplinking from India provides the possibility of stipulating guidelines for the programme content, and as such suitable provisions can be built in, as deemed essential.

(d) There is no direct connection between the two.

(e) and (f) Since a final decision has not been taken, these questions do not arise.

Broadcasting Tamil Programmes on F.M./Medium Wave

3026. SHRI V. P. DURAISAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the External Service Division (Tamil) of All India Radio, Delhi is broadcasting programmes in Tamil in short wave for the benefit of Tamil across the globe, particularly South-East Asian Countries.

(b) if so, whether Government will consider airing these programmes through F.M. and medium wave to benefit nearly 10 lakh Tamil living in and around Delhi; and

(c) if not, the difficulties in doing so?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There is no proposal to air these programmes through F.M. and Medium Wave transmitters as the target audience of the Home Services and External Services are different. The services provided on the F.M. carrier and medium wave carrier cater to purely local audience in and around Delhi and reflect, by and large, the local issues and local concerns.

पौड़ी/अल्मोड़ा में आकाशवाणी केन्द्रों की क्षमता

3027. **श्री मनोहर कान्त ध्यानी:** क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पौड़ी और अल्मोड़ा में स्थित आकाशवाणी केन्द्रों की क्षमता केवल एक किलोवाट है;

(ख) क्या कम क्षमता वाले ट्रांसमीटरों के कारण इन केन्द्रों का उचित उपयोग नहीं किया जा रहा है;

(ग) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार उनकी प्रसारण क्षमता को बढ़ाने पर विचार कर रही है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो कब तक और यदि नहीं, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री (श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न नहीं उठते।

Expansion/Upgradation of TV Network in Orissa

3028. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal for the expansion and upgradation of TV network in Orissa during the Ninth Plan;

(b) if so, the number of new TW Relay Centres proposed to be set up in that State;

(c) whether Government proposes to upgrade some LPT into HPT in that State during the Ninth Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) and (b) Whereas Ninth Plan of Doordarshan is yet to be approved, 28 transmitters of varying power are presently under implementation in Orissa.

(c) Yes Sir.